

Jacob - from Crafty Schemer to Prince with God 10

Genesis 25 - 33

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well. Matthew 6:33

Readings this week

S	Genesis 25: 19 - 34
M	Genesis 27:1 - 29
T	Genesis 27: 30 - 46
W	Genesis 28
Th	Genesis 29
F	Genesis 31:1 - 22
S	Genesis 32

Jacob thought he could get the things he wanted by scheming. Look at the passages and summarise the two crafty schemes.

Crafty Scheme no. 1

Genesis 25:29 - 34

What did Jacob want?

What do you think of the way he got it?

For whom did he show no care?

Crafty Scheme no. 2

Genesis 27

What did Jacob want?

What do you think of the way he got it?

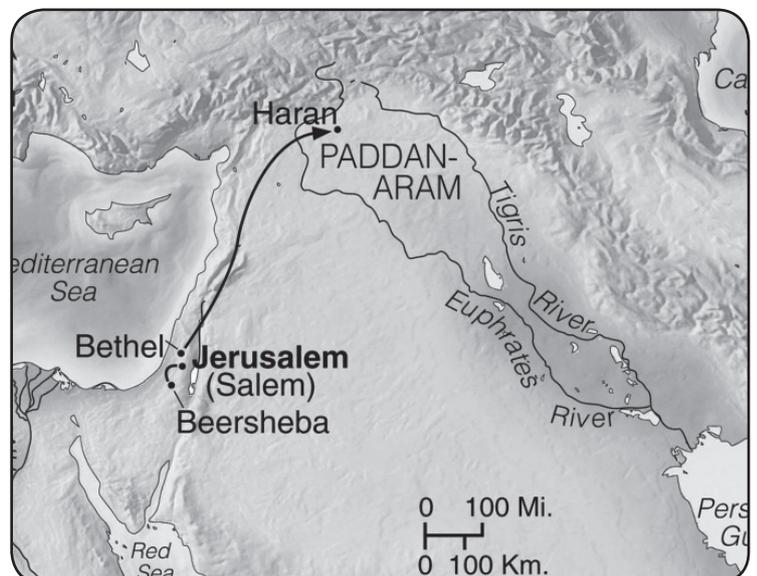
For whom did he show no care?

Jacob's Lesson for Life no. 1

Genesis 28: 10 - 22

What does God promise him?

What do you think Jacob learns?

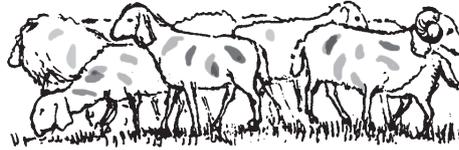


Jacob's Lesson for Life no. 2

Genesis 29:15 - 30 and Genesis 31: 4 - 7, 38 - 42

Scheming Laban gives Jacob a taste of his own medicine. How does he do this?

What do you think Jacob learns?



Has anyone ever cheated you? Can you learn any lessons from the experience?

Do you think that Jacob relied on crafty schemes because he didn't trust God enough?

Jacob's Lesson for Life no. 3

Genesis 32: 3 - 33:10

What does he fear?

What does he rely on?

How, during the night, does he seek the blessing of God?

What blessing is he given?

What do the names mean?

What do you think Jacob learns?

Crafty schemes rely on nobody finding out. God always knows what is happening and why you do things. Are all your plans and schemes fit to share with Him?

Digging Deeper - Jacob and his family

Jacob had left his parents with nothing but he arrived back with wives, concubines and children. How many of each?

Genesis 35:23-26 lists them but read also Genesis 34:1 and 35:16-20

Mark Leah, Rachel and Jacob's sons on your family tree of Abraham.

Read Genesis 35:27-29. It seems as though Rebekah had already died. Where were they all (except Rachel) buried?

(see Genesis 49:29-32).

Genesis 36 tells of Esau's descendants. Esau's other name was Edom and his descendants were the Edomites.

Pray that God will help you to be always honest and not greedy.